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References: Sections 37.80.101, .102, .206, 305, 306, 316 ARM. 52-2-704 & 53-4-601
MCA 45 CFR Part 98.43

General Rule The Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship program is designed to assist low-income families to access and afford quality child care. The Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship program helps families pay for child care while they are working, working and attending school, attending high school, or participating in TANF FIA/EP activities.

Child Care Provider Market Rate Survey Every year, depending on budget status, the Early Childhood Services Bureau (ECSB) conducts a market rate survey of child care providers as a basis for recommending district child care rates. The survey is derived from data in the CCUBS computer system.

➤ If funding is available, the ECSB provides families with a level of Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship that allows access to 75% of the child care facilities in their district. Scholarship rates effective July 1, 2007 are based on the 75th percentile of the June 30, 2007 Market Rate Survey.

ECSB Pays the Lower Rate Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship payments are made at the CCR&R district scholarship rate or the provider's rate, whichever is lower. Child care providers report their current rates to their CCR&R. The CCUBS computer system compares the provider's rate to the district scholarship rate, and pays the lower of the two rates. Child care providers may not charge the State a higher rate than they charge the public.

Parents are responsible for any over-and-above or additional fees a provider may charge.

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**Provider Shall
Report Rate
Changes**

Participating child care providers must report their current rates for private-pay families to the CCR&R. The rate change will be effective on the date the change was reported to the CCR&R or the date the provider indicates, whichever is later. A change in provider type does not automatically result in a rate change for the provider.

Providers may notify the CCR&R agency in changes to their rates by:

- ☐ written notification on an invoice and the date on which the rate is effective, so long as the adjustment is not requested to start prior to the CCR&R receiving the notice;
- ☐ written document to the CCR&R indicating the date the rate should be adjusted, so long as the adjustment is not requested to start prior to the CCR&R receiving the notice;
- ☐ child care service plan.

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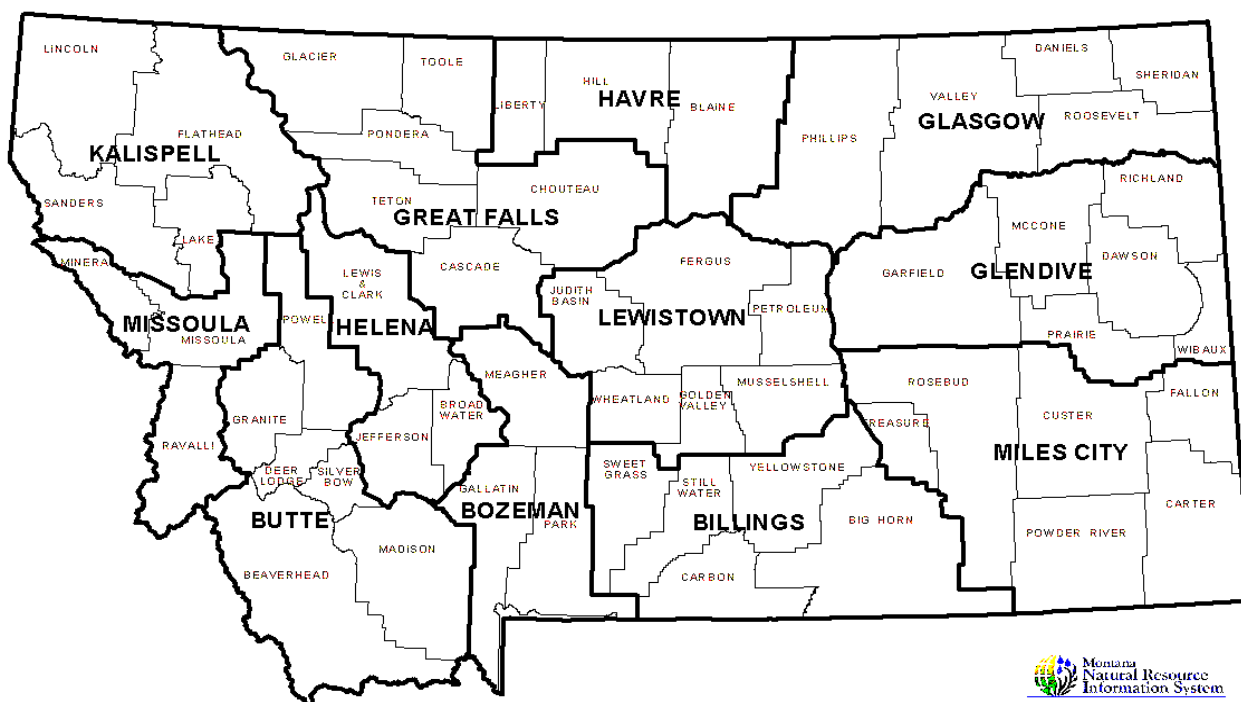
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District Child Care Reimbursement Rates



Currently, licensed and registered child care facility district rates are set at the 75th percentile of a June, 2007 market rate survey. Scholarship rates are rounded to the nearest ten cents (\$0.10).

Since legally unregistered providers (LUPs) are generally not subject to market demands, LUP scholarship rates are set at 75% of the corresponding family rate survey.

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<u>Child Care Region Name</u>	<u>County Name</u>		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
Billings	Big Horn	-				
HRDC District 7 CCR&R	Carbon	Center	\$25.00	\$4.50	\$29.00	\$5.50
	Stillwater	Family	\$21.00	\$4.00	\$25.00	\$4.00
	Sweet Grass	Group	\$23.00	\$4.50	\$25.30	\$5.00
-	Yellowstone	LUP	\$15.80	\$3.00	\$18.80	\$3.00
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Bozeman	Gallatin	-	<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
Child Care Connections	Meagher	Center	\$28.00	\$5.00	\$32.00	\$5.50
	Park	Family	\$24.00	\$3.90	\$26.30	\$4.40*
		Group	\$28.00	\$5.40	\$28.00	\$5.50
		LUP	\$18.00	\$3.00	\$19.80	\$3.30
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Butte	Beaverhead	-	<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
Butte 4C's	Deer Lodge	Center	\$22.00	\$3.80	\$22.30	\$4.50
	Granite	Family	\$22.00	\$3.00	\$22.00	\$3.10
	Madison	Group	\$22.00	\$3.50	\$22.00	\$4.00
	Powell	LUP	\$16.50	\$2.30	\$16.50	\$2.40
	Silver Bow	-	-	-	-	-
Glasgow	Daniels		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
Hi-Line Home Programs, Inc	Phillips	Center	\$22.80	\$2.80	\$23.50	\$2.60
	Roosevelt	Family	\$20.00	\$2.50	\$22.50	\$2.50
	Sheridan	Group	\$19.00	\$2.10	\$21.40	\$2.50
	Valley	LUP	\$15.00	\$1.90	\$16.90	\$1.90

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Glendive	Dawson		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
DEAP CCR&R	Garfield	Center	\$20.70	\$2.50	\$24.20	\$3.00
	McCone	Family	\$20.00	\$2.50	\$20.60	\$2.60
	Prairie	Group	\$20.00	\$2.60	\$21.10	\$2.90
	Richland	LUP	\$15.00	\$1.90	\$15.50	\$2.00
	Wibaux		-	-	-	-
Great Falls	Cascade		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
Family Connections	Chouteau	Center	\$25.00	\$4.50	\$33.00	\$6.50
	Glacier	Family	\$20.00	\$3.50	\$22.00	\$3.50
	Pondera	Group	\$22.00	\$3.90	\$22.30	\$4.00
	Teton	LUP	\$15.00	\$2.70	\$16.50	\$2.70
	Toole		-	-	-	-
Havre	Blaine	-	<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
District IV HRDC Child Care Link	Hill	Center	\$20.30	\$3.00	\$22.70	\$3.40
	Liberty	Family	\$21.00	\$3.00	\$22.00	\$3.00
		Group	\$23.50	\$3.60	\$24.30	\$4.00
		LUP	\$15.80	\$2.30	\$16.50	\$2.30
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Helena	Broadwater		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
Child Care Partnerships	Jefferson	Center	\$22.00	\$5.00	\$27.00	\$5.60
	Lewis and Clark	Family	\$20.00	\$3.00	\$21.50	\$3.50
		Group	\$20.80	\$4.00	\$25.00	\$4.30
		LUP	\$15.00	\$2.30	\$16.20	\$2.70

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Kalispell	Flathead		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
The Nurturing Center	Lake	Center	\$25.10	\$3.80	\$29.00	\$4.00
	Lincoln	Family	\$22.30	\$3.80	\$25.00	\$4.00
	Sanders	Group	\$24.00	\$4.00	\$25.00	\$4.50
		LUP	\$16.80	\$2.90	\$18.80	\$3.00
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Lewistown	Fergus		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
HRDC District VI Child Care	Golden Valley	Center	\$19.80	\$4.00	\$21.70	\$4.10
Link	Judith Basin	Family	\$18.80	\$3.40	\$21.70	\$3.70
	Musselshell	Group	\$21.30	\$4.00	\$22.10	\$4.00
	Petroleum	LUP	\$14.10	\$2.60	\$16.30	\$2.80
	Wheatland					
Miles City	Carter		<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
DEAP CCR&R	Custer	Center	\$18.30	\$2.10	\$21.00	\$2.20
	Fallon	Family	\$20.00	\$3.00	\$20.00	\$3.00
	Powder River	Group	\$20.00	\$3.00	\$20.00	\$3.00
	Rosebud	LUP	\$15.00	\$2.30	\$15.00	\$2.30
	Treasure		-	-	-	-
Missoula	Mineral	-	<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
Child Care Resources	Missoula	Center	\$ 25.40	\$4.00	\$27.90	\$4.70
	Ravalli	Family	\$ 22.00	\$4.00	\$24.00	\$4.00
		Group	\$ 24.00	\$4.30	\$25.00	\$4.50

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	LUP	\$ 16.50	\$3.00	\$18.00	\$3.00
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OUT OF STATE FACILITY RATES	-	<u>Child Daily</u>	<u>Child Hourly</u>	<u>Infant Daily</u>	<u>Infant Hourly</u>
	Center	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$30.00	\$5.50
	Family	\$22.00	\$3.50	\$24.00	\$4.00
	Group	\$23.00	\$4.00	\$25.00	\$4.50
	LUP	\$16.50	\$2.70	\$18.00	\$3.00
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Infant Care Rate The infant care rates apply to infants from birth through their 23rd month. Rates for children age 2+ apply beginning on the child's second birthday.

Out-of-State Rate The Out-of-State Rate indicated in the rate table is used when child care occurs in facility located outside Montana.

Children with Special Needs The scholarship rate for a child with special needs may vary, based upon the care requirements of the child. The scholarship rate is determined on a Special Needs Subsidy Rating Scale. Section 1-4a of this manual outlines the special needs rate application process.

The scholarship rate for a child with special needs under CPS care is requested by the DPHHS Social Worker and must include documentation from a physician, psychologist, or licensed social worker. The special-needs child rate is subject to approval by the DPHHS community social work supervisor. See Section 4-1.

Tiered Reimbursement Child care providers who qualify for a one-star quality child care rating

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for Star Providers

will receive 110% of the respective child care rate established for the CCR&R district in which they operate.

Child care providers who qualify for a two-star quality child care rating will receive 115% of the respective child care rate established for the CCR&R district in which they operate.

Payment must be made to the provider when the provider participates in the Tiered Reimbursement program. The 10-15% “quality bonus” is intended to benefit the higher quality child care provider as well as allowing parents access to high quality care.

The Tiered Reimbursement program is detailed in section 7-1 of this child care manual.